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PREVIOUSLY IN THE THE SCORCHED

She-Spawn after being left for dead, has returned. Terminus's plans are finally revealed.



JESSICA PRIEST,
THE SHE-SPAWN,
HAS RETURNED.
FROM WHERE, SHE
DOES NOT KNOW.

BUT HER DAUGHTER'S
LIFE IS AT STAKE.

A CHILD, WHOM SHE
WALKED AWAY FROM
YEARS AGO, WILL
ONE DAY BE MORE
IMPORTANT THAN
ANYONE CAN
COMPREHEND.

TERMINUS

...I'VE COME
FOR YOU.

NOT TO MENTION
THE WORLD IS
ABOUT TO CRUMBLE.

JESSICA?

TIME YOU
ABANDONED
THESE THROWAWAY
WARRIORS, SPAWN.
YOUR 'DEAD
ZONES'
AWAIT YOU.

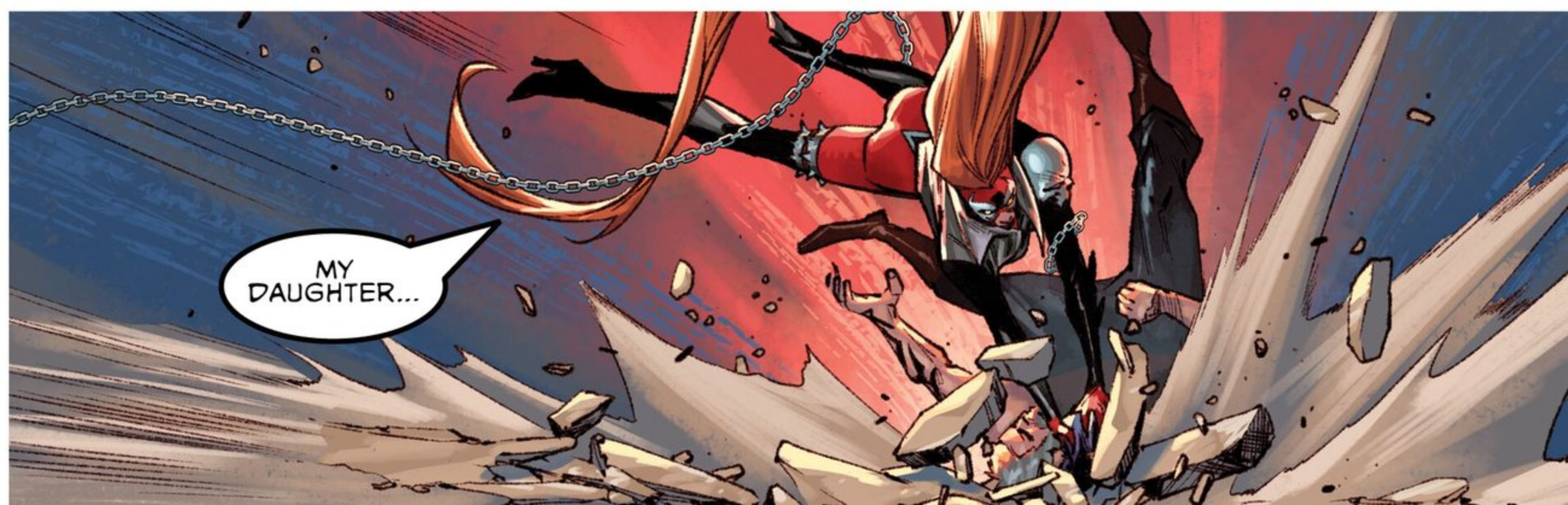
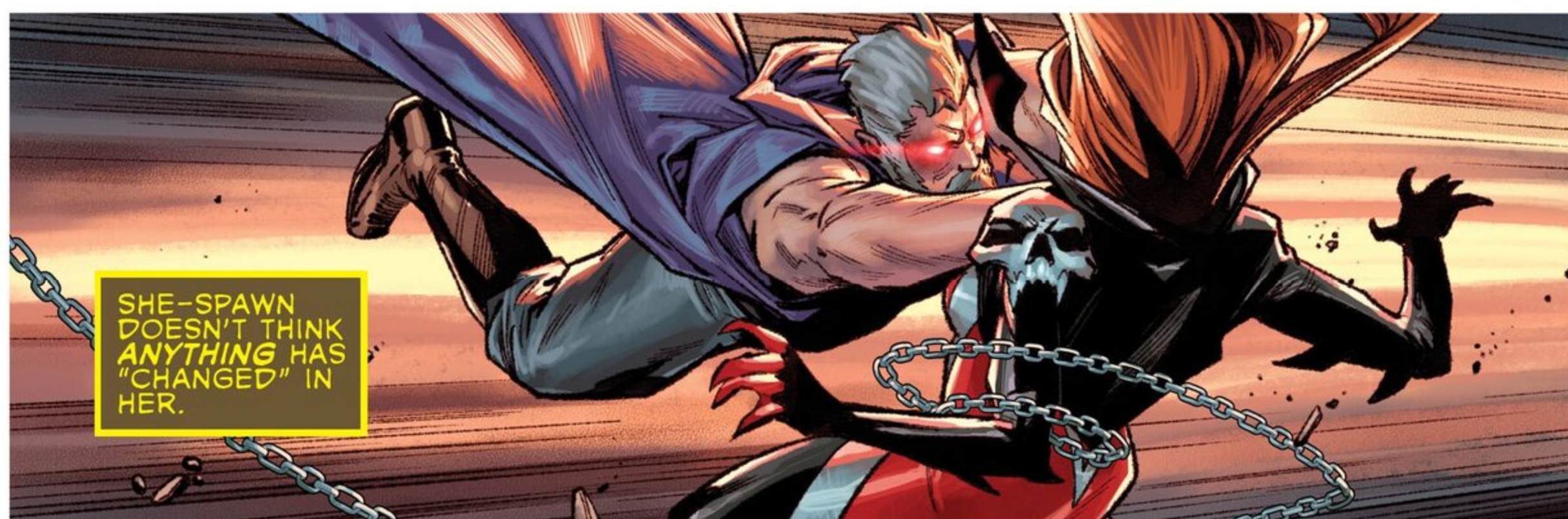
YOU'VE
NO AUTHORITY,
OR COMMAND
ANYONE.

TERMINUS:
LEADER OF THE
PLANET EATERS.

THEN
DESTROY
ME.

SHOW
ME YOUR
POWERS!

LET'S
SEE WHY
YOU *THINK*
YOU'RE A
GOD!



...IF ANYONE
TOUCHES
A SINGLE HAIR
ON HER
HEAD---I'LL
GUT YOU
ALIVE!

THEN I'LL
HUNT YOUR
CHILDREN...AND
GUT THEM
AS WELL!

I'M NOT
THE **ONLY**
ONE WITH
SOMETHING
TO LOSE.

YOU'RE
MAD!

WRONG.
I HAVEN'T
BEGUN
SHOWING MY
ANGER!

WHAT HAPPENED TO
SHE-SPAWN WHEN SHE
WAS SWALLOWED INTO
THE BLACKNESS OF
THE VOID...
DID SHE DIE?

THEY SAY YOUR LIFE FLASHES
BEFORE YOUR EYES WHEN
YOU DIE, THAT'S NOT TRUE.

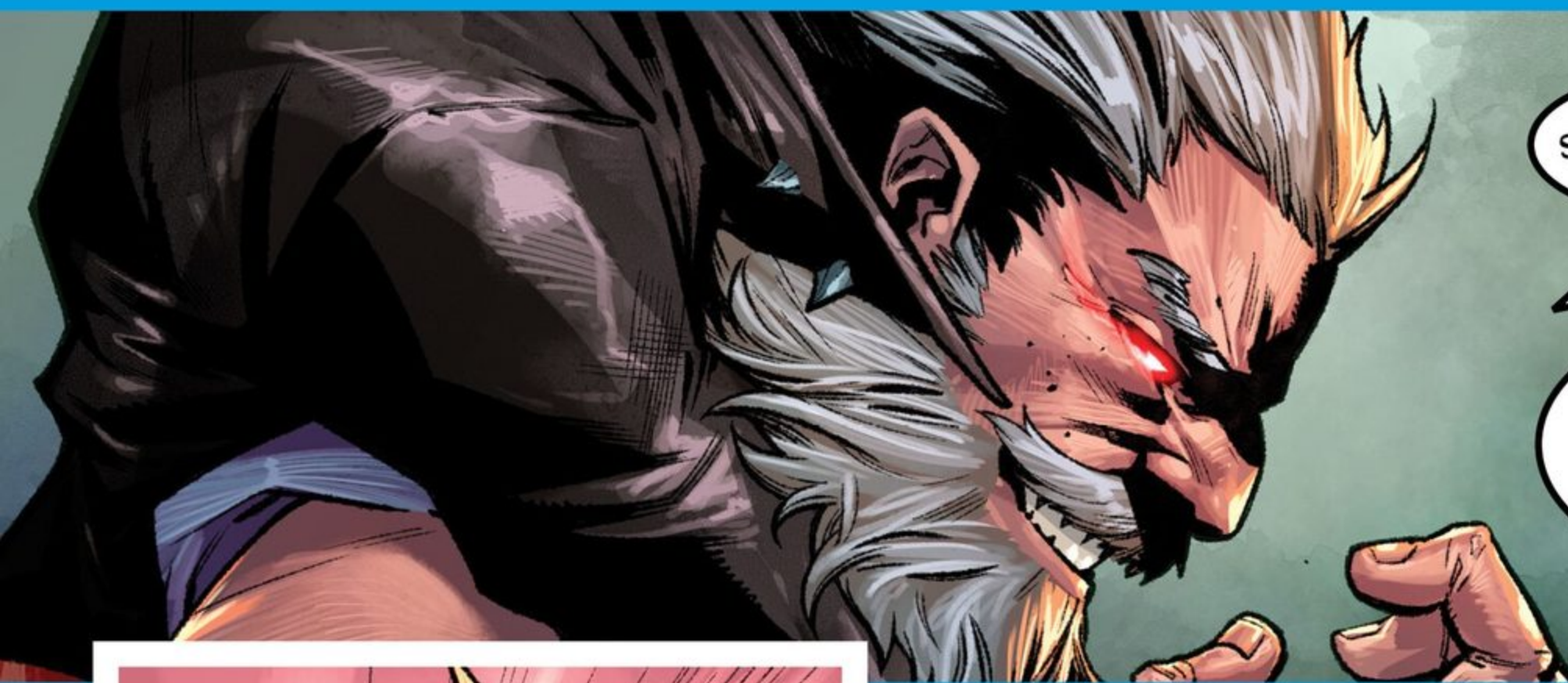
IT DOESN'T FLASH
BEFORE YOU...IT
GETS ERASED.

SHE SAW WHAT SHE
THOUGHT WAS IMPORTANT,
WHAT SHE CARED ABOUT,
THEN REALIZED IT WAS ALL
AN INVENTION. EMOTIONS
SHE CREATED IN HER MIND.

WITH NO
CONNECTIONS.
NO REAL VALUE.
NO **NOTHING!**

INSTEAD SHE SAW
AN **EMPTINESS**. A
LIFE SHE THOUGHT WAS
FILLED WITH MEANING.
IT WASN'T. THAT'S WHEN
SHE UNDERSTOOD SHE
COULD LOSE ALL OF IT.
FORGET **EVERYTHING...**
EXCEPT HER DAUGHTER.





I FEEL
SORRY FOR
YOU.

YOU'RE
BEING USED,
TAKEN ADVANTAGE
OF.

BECAUSE
OF YOUR WEAK
GRIP ON YOUR
SANITY, THEY'LL
SOON **CONTROL**
YOU.



AND ONCE
THEY DO...



YOUR
WHOLE
WORLD WILL
GO BLACK
FOR YOU
ONE LAST
TIME.

SPAWN HAS
SEEN ENOUGH.



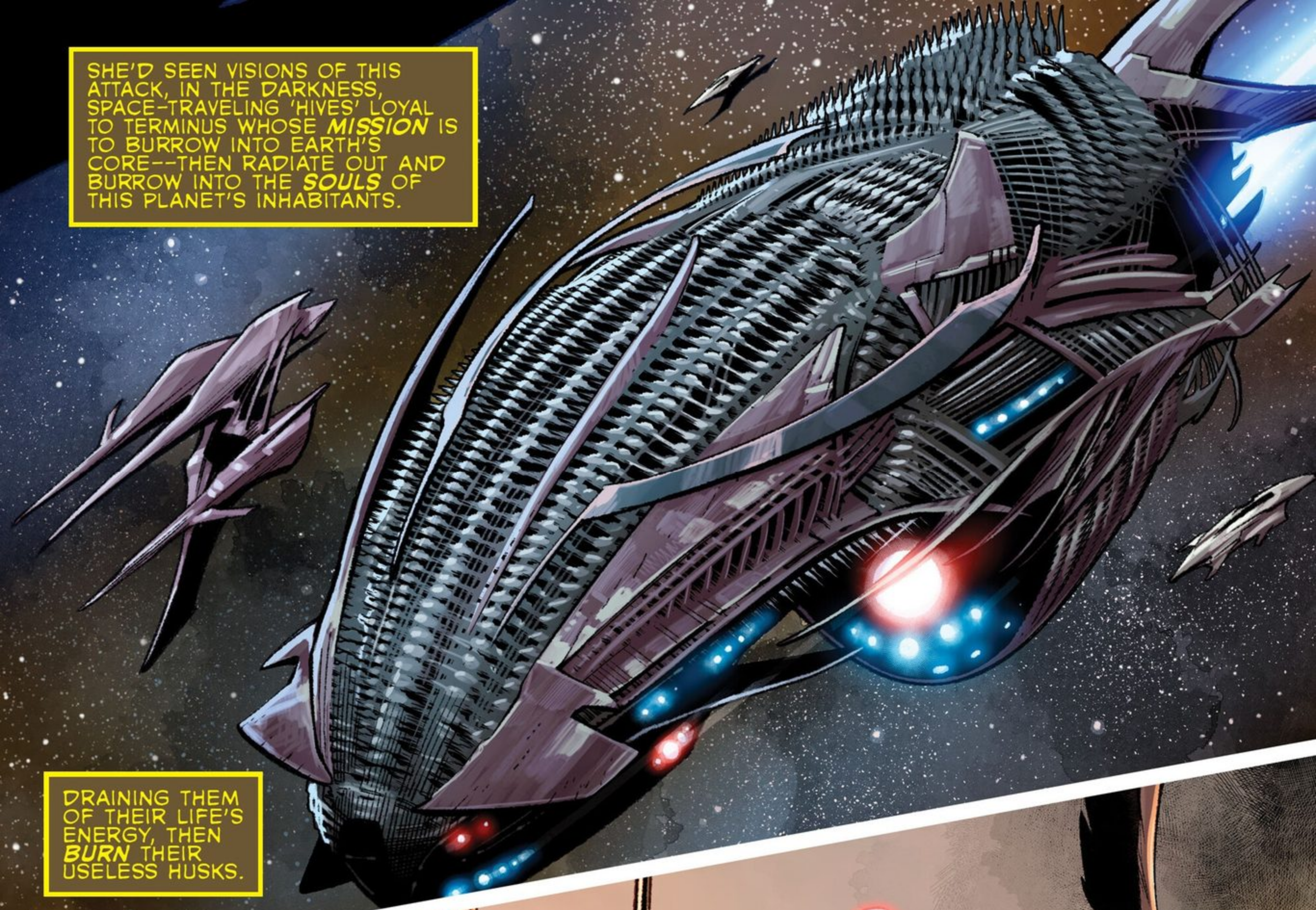
STAY
HERE, JESSICA,
WE'VE GOT
THIS.

**DON'T
TOUCH
ME!**



THEY ALL
KNOW WHAT
THAT MEANS.





SHE'D SEEN VISIONS OF THIS ATTACK, IN THE DARKNESS, SPACE-TRAVELING 'HIVES' LOYAL TO TERMINUS WHOSE **MISSION** IS TO BURROW INTO EARTH'S CORE--THEN RADIATE OUT AND BURROW INTO THE **SOULS** OF THIS PLANET'S INHABITANTS.

DRAINING THEM OF THEIR LIFE'S ENERGY, THEN **BURN** THEIR USELESS HUSKS.



BUT TERMINUS, FIRST, NEEDS TO DEVOUR THE SOUL OF HIS LIFELONG ENEMY. AND SO, URIZEN WILL DIE--**CHOKING** AND PLEADING FOR MERCY AT HIS HANDS.

THEY'VE BOTH DREAMT OF EACH OTHER'S DEATH. NOW, URIZEN'S DEMISE WILL BE THE SIGNAL TO TRIGGER EARTH'S **DISINTEGRATION**.

IF THAT HAPPENS,
SHE-SPAWN
RETURNS BACK INTO
THE DARKNESS.

SHE WON'T GO
BACK THERE.
NOT *EVER* AGAIN!

FWAK



YOU'LL
BE THE
FIRST TO
FALL.

NO.

THAT TITLE
BELONGS
TO YOU!



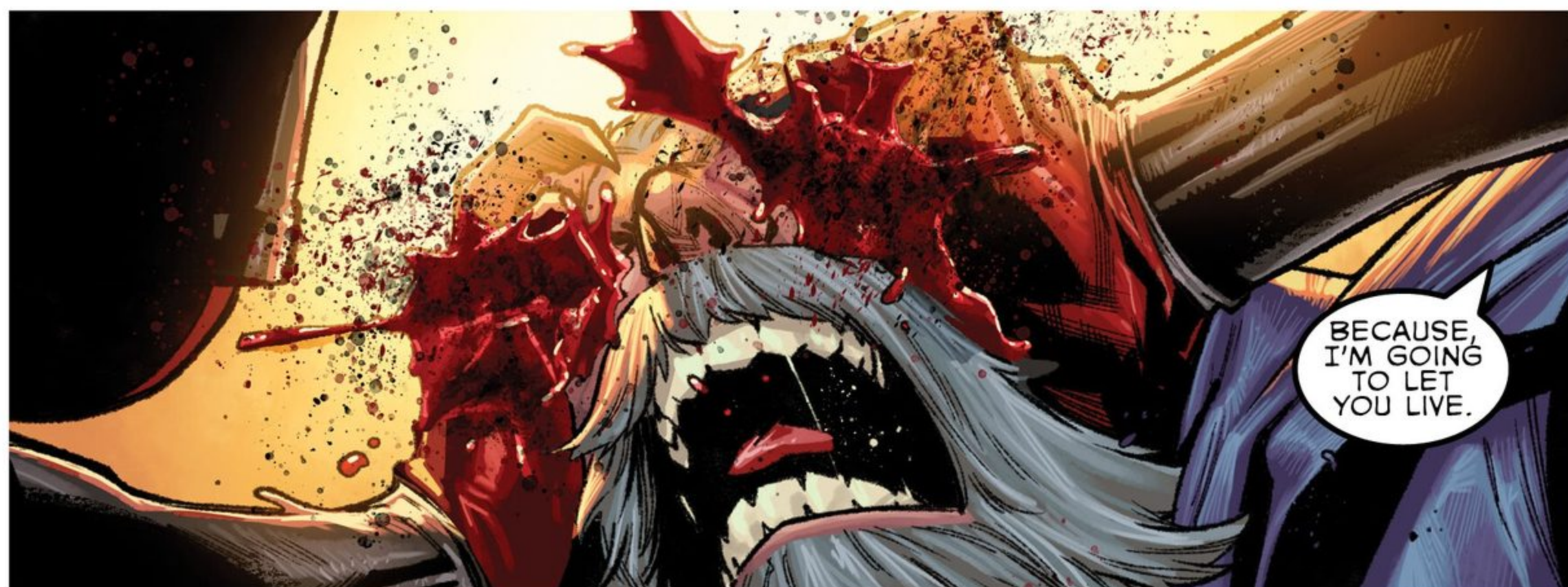


MILITARY TRAINING TAUGHT
HER **THE EYES** WILL
ALWAYS MAKE YOUR
ENEMY VULNERABLE.

WITHOUT THEM THE ENEMY
IS CONFUSED. ERRATIC.

SO WHEN YOU DO MAKE
YOUR MOVE, MAKE IT DEEP.
PAINFUL. AND **LASTING!**

MAKE IT SO YOUR ENEMY
NEVER ENJOYS A SINGLE
SECOND OF EARTH'S VISUAL
BEAUTY AGAIN. MAKE
DARKNESS ALL THEY'LL
EVER SEE AGAIN.



THE REST OF THE
SCORCHED TEAM
JOINS THE FRAY.

"... BUT SOON THE
WORLD'S BLACK VOID
ROSE UP IN THE
FORM OF DEMONS,
HELLSPAWNS, SINNERS
AND THE UNDEAD."

AND IF, AT THIS MOMENT, A NEW
BIBLE WERE TO BE WRITTEN OF THIS
BATTLE, ITS FIRST CHAPTER AND
VERSE MIGHT READ: "AND ON THAT
DAY THE COSMOS SHUDDERED--THEN
ENVELOPED INTO ITS DARKNESS ALL
THAT WAS LIGHT IN THE WORLD..."

"THEIR NAMES SPOKEN IN
WHISPERS: MONOLITH.
REDEEMER. THE ANTI-
GOD SPAWN. AND
PRIEST, THE SHE-SPAWN.
THEY WERE THE FOR-
SUNKEN FEW WHO
TRADED THEIR LIVES TO
PROTECT THE INNOCENT."

BUT THOSE SCRIPTURES
CANNOT BE WRITTEN.



BECAUSE
TODAY HAS
NOT YET
FINISHED.



GAIA
TOLD
ME.

SAID I WAS TO
BE YOUR QUEEN,
TO SERVE AT YOUR
SIDE, BUT YOU COULDN'T
SHARE THAT. SHE SAID
YOU'D NEVER ALLOW
ANYONE TO HAVE WHAT
YOU HAD! AND THOUGH
I'D **NEVER** JOIN YOU--
YOU **DISCARDED**
ME!

WHY?!
SO, YOU COULD
FEAST ON EARTH
YOURSELF?!

CAUGHT IN A WHIRL-
WIND OF ANGER,
JESSICA CHANGES HER
MIND, DELIVERING A
SAVAGE DEATHBLOW!



THOUGH THEY'LL
WALK AWAY
VICTORIOUS,
TODAY WILL NOT
BE A DAY THE
SCORCHED WILL
CELEBRATE.





I SEE
URIZEN AND
HIS FOLLOWERS
LEFT.

TERMINUS'S
HIVES ARE
PULLING
BACK, TOO.

JESSICA,
YOU OKAY?



FAR
FROM
IT.



I THINK
WHAT HE'S
WANTING TO
KNOW--ARE
YOU **READY** TO
LEAD THEM
AGAIN?



who?

THIS
TEAM?

YOU LET
ME DIE. ALL OF
YOU. SO, NO-- I'M
NOT LEADING YOU!
AND I DON'T GIVE A
DAMN WHAT YOU
DO.



I'VE GOT MY OWN TEAM.

ASSEMBLED BY GREENWORLD'S MASTER, GAIA HANDPIICKED THIS GROUP AFTER SAVING ALL OF THEM FROM THEIR OWN PERSONAL FALL INTO DARKNESS.

THE HEAP.

SHE-SPAWN.



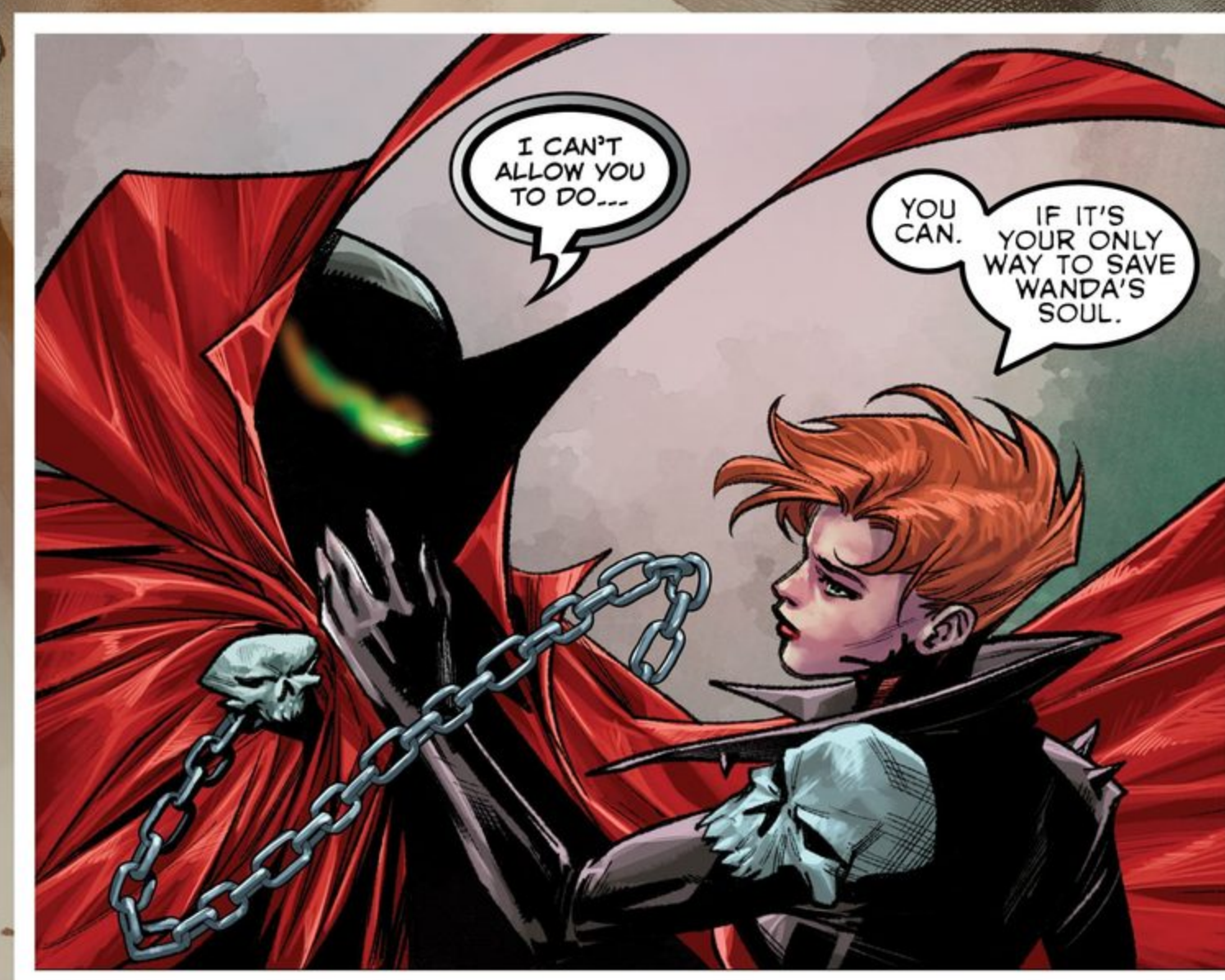
YOU'RE DISRUPTING EVERYTHING, BY LETTING THEM TRAVEL THROUGH THE DEAD ZONES.



BECAUSE IT'S TIME BOTH WORLDS SAW WHAT'S AT STAKE.

AND THE BOY SPAWN FOOLISHLY SAVED, NOW SLOTTED TO BE AL'S EXECUTIONER. THE ONE THEY CALL...

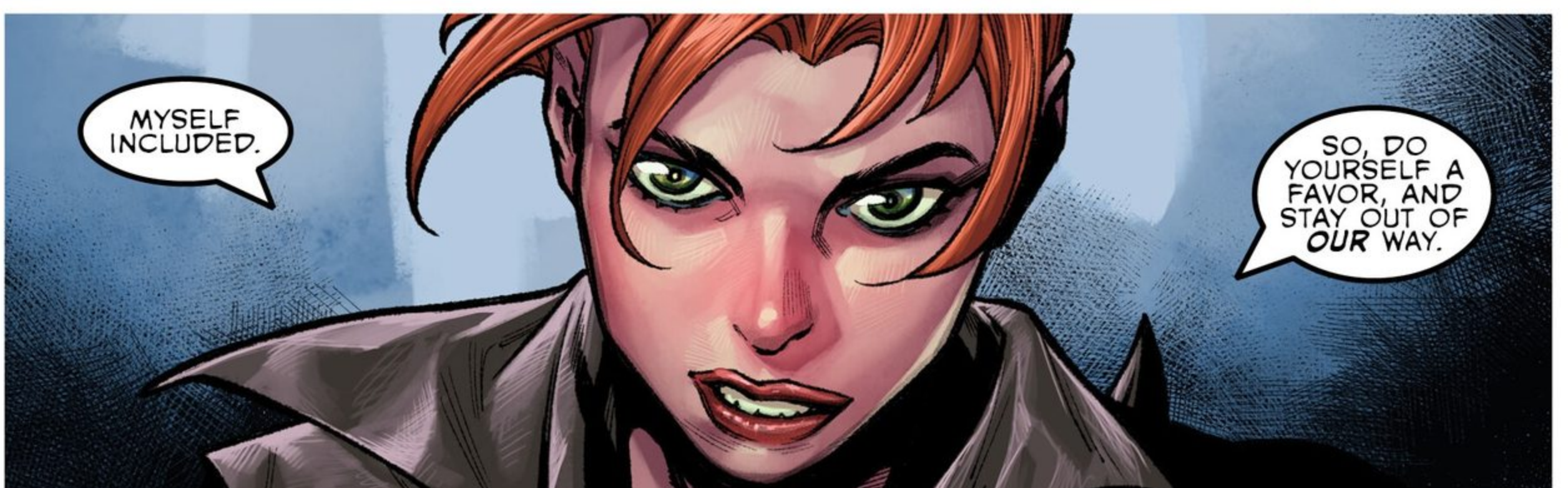
KING SLAYER.



I CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO DO...

YOU CAN.

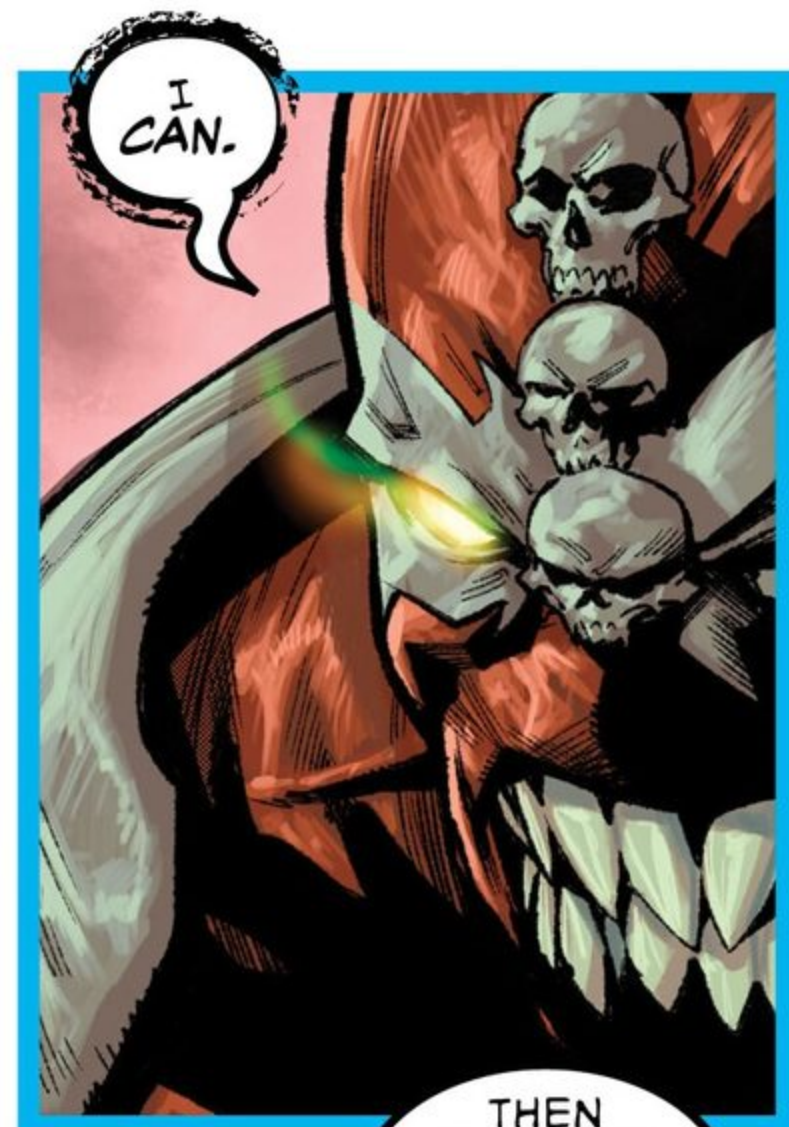
IF IT'S YOUR ONLY WAY TO SAVE WANDA'S SOUL.





YOU CAN'T DO THIS, JESSICA.

YOU CAN'T STOP ME.



AND SHE'S ABOUT TO SHOW THAT HER **POWER** IS ABOVE ALL OTHERS. YOU, THE PLANET EATERS, YOU'RE ALL SUBJECT TO HER!



"WITHOUT HER **NOTHING** IN THE COSMOS EXISTS..."



"...NOT YOU. NOT THE
PLANET EATERS. NO ONE!
YOU ALL **OWE** HER!"

AS THE SMOKE CLEARS,
JESSICA PRIEST IS GONE.

HER NEW TEAMMATES AS WELL.

AND SPAWN.

I DON'T
THINK THIS
IS OVER.

IN TRUTH, THE **TRUE** FIGHT
HAS YET TO BEGIN.



SPAWNING GROUND

PRESENTS:

MAILBAG



Artist: Kate Perets

Hey!
I've been a Spawn fan for over 20 years now.. I finally got an incredible Spawn tattoo just yesterday! Please feature this in an issue and let me know if you do!!

Cheers!

-Dan Pfluger

Dan!
This is a great piece. Thanks for sharing this with us. We love to see all the cool Spawn tattoos that are out in the world!

-THOMAS

Hello Spawning Ground Team,
I'm just wondering if there are plans to create any monthly series of any other Hell Spawns in Spawn's Universe, as I am reading Gunslinger, and It'd be great to one day get an independent title for Medieval Spawn or Ninja Spawn (for example!) Anyway, thank you for consistently providing epic spawn books every month, and I'll continue to enjoy wherever the Spawn Universe goes!

- Charlie

Hey, Charlie.

Thanks for reading. Yeah, I get asked this question quite a bit. All I can say is to keep your ears open for some of our announcements at NYCC. We have a lot of cool things planned for the coming year!

-THOMAS

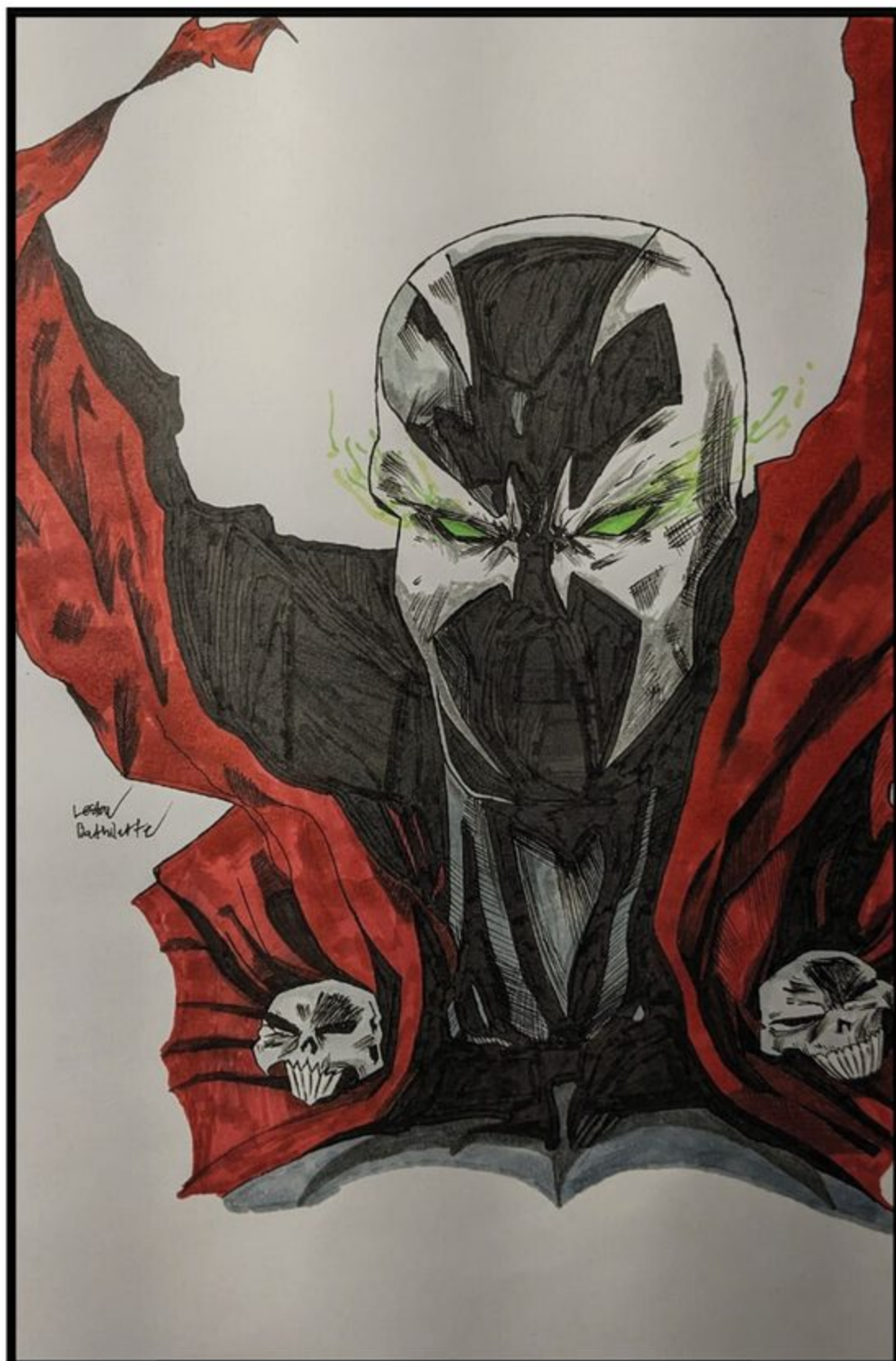
Hey there,
I've been a Spawn fan for a while now, and I love the comics and figures a lot. And I really want to be featured on the spawning grounds. Spawn has been my favorite superhero, and Todd Mcfarlane's art has inspired me to create some art of my own. I figured I'd show you my best Spawn piece, so enjoy!

-Anonymous

Hey, man.

This is a fantastic piece of Spawn Art. Thank you so much for sharing it! Seeing all the fans of Spawn creating art inspired by our books always brings a big smile to my face. Keep on drawing!

-THOMAS



Do you have a question or comment about Spawn? If so, e-mail it to us at:
spawningground@mcfarlane.com

NEED MORE SPAWN'S ? UNIVERSE

DON'T MISS THESE ONGOING TITLES!

SPAWN

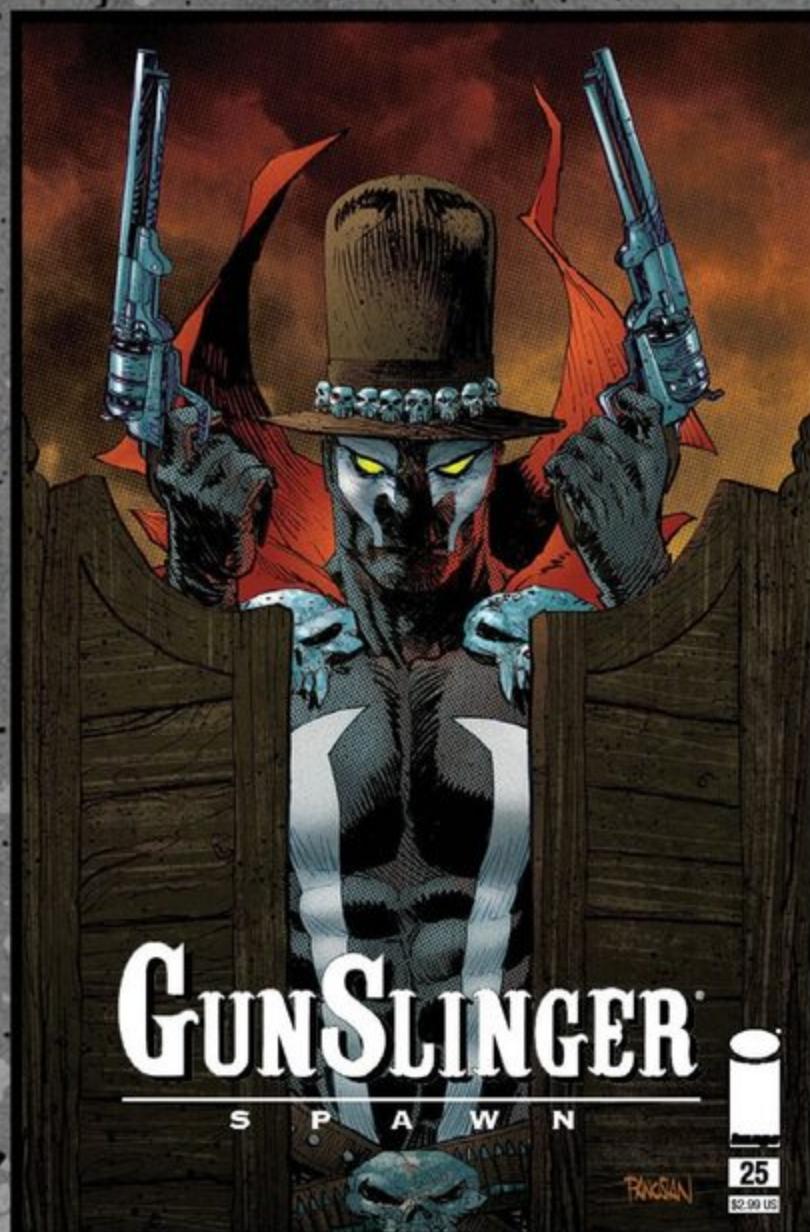
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